

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE
VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, URGING THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED
ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF
FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE
OF STATE FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-09 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-09 budget cut approximately \$5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF
BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

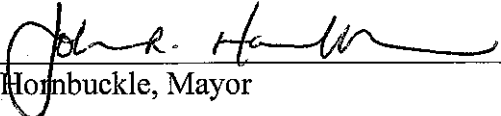
Section 2. The Village Commission hereby urges the Florida Legislature to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding.

Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and the Mayors, Chairs and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___2nd___ day of ___December___, 2008.

**The foregoing resolution upon being
Put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

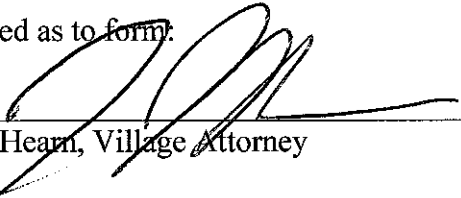

John Hornbuckle, Mayor

Attest:


Ann Harper, Village Clerk

Mayor Hornbuckle:	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Morris:	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Anderson:	<u>yes</u>
Commission Mallette:	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Bernard:	<u>yes</u>

Approved as to form:


John J. Hearn, Village Attorney